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**Testimony in regard to:**

H. B. No. 5417 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING OPEN SPACE AND THE CREATION  
OF TRAILS FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

Submitted by Don Tuller, President, Connecticut Farm Bureau Association

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*The following testimony is submitted on behalf of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, a statewide nonprofit membership organization of over 5,000 families dedicated to farmers and the future of Connecticut agriculture.*

Senator Edward Meyer, Representative Richard Roy and members of the Environment Committee:

As President of Connecticut Farm Bureau and a farmer, I am submitting the following testimony to express Connecticut Farm Bureau's ongoing concern for the illegal and destructive use of all-terrain vehicles. For far too long, many Farm Bureau members have sustained serious crop and other property damage as a result of illegal ATV activity.

Enhanced ATV registration, identification and law enforcement would go a long way toward reducing illegal and damaging use of ATV's. The lack of adequate ATV registration and vehicle identification makes it extremely difficult to identify and prosecute the individuals engaging in criminal behavior.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

*Don Tuller farms with his family on Tulmeadow Farm in West Simsbury.*